At which said second tuesday of May towit, the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ The Justices & sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the same writ was made and directed in pursuance thereof and according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided make return thereof to the Court here with the following Record towit

Baltimore County towit. At a County Court of the State of Maryland held at the Court House in Baltimore Town in and for the County aforesaid on tuesday the first day of April in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Present John Moale, George G. Presbury, Isaac Vn Bibber, Jeremiah Johnson, Charles Ridgely of Wm, Abraham Vn Bibber, William Ruffell, Thomas Elliott, John Coulter, Thomas Todd, Lyde Goodwin, John E. Howard, Edmund Stansbury, Thomas Bailey, Henry Lamott, Gentlemen Justices

Philip Graybell Esquire sheriff William Gibson Clk.

Among other were the following proceedings Viz.

John Brice
vs
Richard Chinwith

Be it remembered that heretofore on the fifth day of December in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, the State of Marylands writ of Capias Ad Respondendum issued to the sheriff of Baltimore County in the words and figures following Viz.

State of Maryland to the sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting we command you that you take Richard Chinwith late of Baltimore County if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and that him so taken you safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of Baltimore County Court at the Court House in the same County the Monday before the first tuesday in March next to answer unto John Brice of a plea that he render unto him the sum of sixty seven pounds sixteen shillings and six pence current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then there this writ Witness Isaac Vn Bibber Gentleman presiding Justice of our said Court the 5th day of November in the year of our lord 1786.

Issued the 5th day of December 1786. Rd. Wm Gibson Clk.

At which said Monday before the first tuesday in March in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven cometh the said John Brice by Robert Smith his Attorney, and now here also cometh the sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the aforesaid writ was directed to wit, Philip Graybell Gentleman who maketh return thereof to the Court now here thus endorsed, Cepi Philip Graybell sheriff

And the said Richard Chinwith now here also cometh by David McMechen his Attorney and a certain Simon Perine now here also cometh into Court in his proper person and undertakes and becomes pledge and Bail for the said Richard Chinwith that if it shall happen that the said Richard Chinwith at the suit of the said John Brice in the plea aforesaid shall be convicted then the said Simon Perine doth grant that as well the debt aforesaid as all such damages costs and charges which to the said John Brice in this part shall be adjudged of his lands and chattels shall be made to and for the use of the said John Brice to be levied if it shall happen that the said Richard Chinwith the Debt damages cost and charges aforesaid to the said John Brice shall not pay if his body to the prison and custody of the sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid on that Occasion render

And

And the said Richard Chinwith by his said Attorney defends the force and injury when &c. & so forth and prays leave to imparle here until the Monday before the first tuesday in August next and he hath it and the same day is given to the said John Brice and so forth.

At which said Monday before the first tuesday in August cometh again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Richard Chinwith by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle here until the Monday before the first tuesday in November next and he hath it and the same day is given to the said John Brice and so forth,

At which said Monday before the first tuesday in November cometh again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Richard Chinwith by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle here until the first day of April next, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the said John Brice and so forth.

And now here at this day towit the first day of April in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, cometh the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Richard Chinwith by his said Attorney produces to the Court now here the State of Marylands writ of Habeas Corpus closed in the words and figures following Viz.

The State of Maryland Set To the Justices and sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting Whereas Richard Chinwith of Baltimore County is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said sheriff at the suit of a certain John Brice in a plea of Debt and so forth, which said plea still remains before you our said Justices undetermined as it is said and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court do therefore command you that you have the body of the said Chinwith by whatsoever name he be called in the plea aforesaid together with the day and cause of his caption and detainer and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next that our said Judges being rightly informed of the truth of the premises may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your ~~peril~~ peril and have you then and there this writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 19th day of November Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the 26th day of March 1788. (D McMechen) Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk

Whereupon the proceedings aforesaid are ordered to be transmitted accordingly.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of Office this seventh day of April in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight

(Seal)

William Gibson Clk. Batt. County

At which said second tuesday of May towit the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight, comes here into our General Court as well the said John Brice by Robert Smith his Attorney as the said Richard Chinwith by David McMechen his Attorney. And the said Richard Chinwith by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court to imparle here unto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court towit the second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight, comes again here into into our General Court as well the said John Brice by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Richard Chinwith

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